

MOVE TO PROTECT D. C. WATER SUPPLY AMERICAN RELIEF WORK DESCRIBED

War Department and District Commissioners to Have Joint Jurisdiction.

Secretary Baker of the War Department and Gen. Black, chief of engineers of the Army, have reached an agreement with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia in favor of legislation giving the War Department and the District government concurrent jurisdiction over the water supply system of the District, with a view to the better protection of the supply from waste and extravagant use by individuals.

The agreement was reached at a conference at the War Department yesterday afternoon. At present jurisdiction is divided, the War Department being in charge of the entire system of supply and filtration and the District government of the distribution of the water.

It was made clear at the conference that the Commissioners are opposed to the original proposition of the District Commissioners for legislation giving the latter complete jurisdiction over the entire system, but were in complete accord with the latter that something should be done at once to prevent the extravagant use of water by government departments, private industries and individuals.

Would Use Water Over Again. It was represented that the government printing office uses a great quantity of the filtered water for condensing purposes averaging about 2,000,000 gallons a day. The water is prepared for drinking purposes at great expense and most of the supply at the printing office is condensed and then is emptied into the sewer.

Under the plan agreed upon authority would be given to better regulate the use of water for purely commercial purposes by requiring the use of machinery which would permit the use of the same water over again.

Three Poses Pursue Slayer. MOSKOGEE, Okla., March 24.—Three posers are pursuing Paul V. Hadley and his bride, charged with killing Sheriff Jacob Giles of Beaumont, Tex., on a train near Checotah, Okla., today. Hadley was being taken to Beaumont to answer a murder charge. After he shot Giles Hadley compelled the conductor to stop the train and, with his wife, fled to the hills. They are said to be armed.

REJECTS AMENDMENTS TO RACE TRACK BILL. Maryland House Favors Measure as Advocated by Delegate Hall.

Special Correspondence of The Star. ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 24.—By a vote of 60 to 19 the Maryland house yesterday rejected the amendment to the Hall anti-race track bill giving the state a daily income of \$1,000 while the racing continued, creating a state-wide racing commission and paying the way for strict regulation of racing. All other amendments were rejected which were not favored by Mr. Hall, the leader in the fight for the original anti-race track bill.

Applied to Chesapeake Beach. The effect of the defeat of the amendments was to return to the house the original anti-race track bill. Mr. Hall offered amendments, which were accepted, including Chesapeake Beach, in the provisions of the bill.

How the Seeds Travel. From St. Nicholas. Some seeds make journeys with wings and others travel from place to place by attaching themselves to the clothes of men or the hair of animals; still others are transported by birds. The seeds of the maple tree are particularly interesting. They are provided with wings, and when they become detached from the parent tree a gentle breeze will carry them a considerable distance from the branch to which they were attached. There are many forms and modifications of the winged seed, as the linden, the hornbeam, the elm and the pine. These are all common trees. Some seeds are also provided with parachutes, or umbrellas, not for protection from rain and storm, but for purposes of locomotion. The seed of the thistle, the milkweed and the dandelion—in fact, the seeds of all plants which have a cottony growth—are provided for these aerial journeys. Besides these some seeds are provided with hooked appendages by which they can attach themselves to the clothing of men or the hair of animals and so are carried from place to place.

In the Country. From the Yankers Statesman. "What crop do you make the most money out of up here?" asked the city girl on her vacation.

"Summer boarders," was the thoughtful reply of the farmer.

"The Man in the Stone House."—By Freeman Tilden.

The hero proposes in a shoe store, when pretty Louise comes in to buy a pair of shoes. It is a laughable story and you will find the opening chapters of this new serial in the next Sunday Magazine of The Sunday Star.

Correct! "Carl," said the teacher, "can you tell me what an invertebrate is?" "Yes, ma'am," replied Carl. "It is an animal that does not have a backbone."

The largest Spanish chestnut tree in the world grows in a forest on the slopes of Mount Etna. It is said that 160 soldiers and their horses once found shelter beneath it from the rain.

LOCAL CLERGY TO MAKE FINAL PLEA TO SUNDAY

Evangelist to Be Asked This Afternoon to Hold Series of Meetings Here.

A special appeal to come to Washington for a series of evangelistic meetings is to be made in Baltimore this afternoon to Evangelist Billy Sunday by Rev. Dr. Clarence A. Vincent, president of the Eastern Federation, Northminister Presbyterian Church.

Although some months ago Evangelist Sunday gave an answer to the Washington clergy that he could not find an available date for meetings here, Dr. Vincent, it is pointed out, has never given up the idea that the evangelist should be secured for the proposed meetings.

His going to Baltimore this afternoon with Rev. Mr. Bower is, therefore, looked upon by many of the clergy as a final appeal to the evangelist.

Hope for Place on His List. In this connection it is said that possibly some of the dates which Rev. Mr. Sunday has planned for two years ahead are only tentative and may be canceled.

According to the plans in hand, if Evangelist Sunday gives a favorable informal reply this afternoon a delegation of clergy will go to Baltimore to formally invite him to come here. His statement this afternoon will be reported to the meeting of the Eastern Federation Monday morning at the Y. M. C. A.

POLICE BILL REPORTED

Measure Before Senate Designed to Increase Efficiency of Local Force.

The Senate District committee today reported favorably to the Senate a bill designed to increase the efficiency of the police department of the District. It makes provision for quicker advancement in promotion among the men in the ranks and also increases the pay of some of the officers.

The salary of an inspector has been increased from \$1,800 to \$2,000; of a captain from \$1,500 to \$2,000; of a lieutenant from \$1,200 to \$1,600; of a sergeant from \$1,250 to \$1,400. Provision is made also for an allowance of \$50 a year to mounted policemen.

In the report of the committee, which was submitted by Senator Smith of Maryland, the chairman, it is pointed out that Washington is far behind American cities of approximately the same size in the amount paid its policemen.

LITERACY TEST IN BILL BEFORE CONGRESS AGAIN

Burnett Immigration Measure to Occupy Several Days in House Passage.

The Burnett immigration bill, with its literacy test and terms which Pacific coast congressmen say provide complete exclusion of Asiatics outside of certain excepted classes, was taken up today in the House. Leaders expect that the bill, the fruit of many months of consideration, will occupy several days in its passage through the House.

The literacy test comes before Congress again with the record of having been repeatedly vetoed by different Presidents, and the Asiatic exclusion features face the complete disapproval of the administration, which is much adverse to agitating the question at this time.

ASIATIC FEATURES MORE FAR-REACHING.

The Asiatic features are said to be more far-reaching than any ever proposed before, and meet the demands of the Pacific slope for what practically amounts to complete exclusion.

There have been indications that the President would veto the bill if it remains there features.

HARVARD ARBORETUM.

From the Omaha World-Herald. It is said that the Arnold Arboretum, connected with Harvard University, is one of the most valuable assets of this country. It was established in 1872 and is very modestly endowed. The manager of the Kew Gardens, in London, says that its establishment "has proved to be the most important single event that has occurred during the last half century affecting the interests of persons concerned with the growth and study of the woody vegetation of temperate climates, either in Europe or elsewhere."

It appears that this arboretum has been more highly appreciated abroad than at home, although of late years it has very much increased the knowledge of trees in this country. It has brought to the notice of all who are improving estates the really valuable trees and shrubs of all the northern temperate zone. Agents have been sent to Siberia, Japan and China, and shrubs and trees have been brought from those countries, cultivated at the arboretum and afterward distributed over the whole United States. Some of them are to be found in Omaha.

It is to this arboretum that nursery men, landscape gardeners, park managers and the improvers of great estates go for light and instruction on difficult problems, and they go there from every state in the union. There they find a great living dictionary, a vast encyclopedia, perfectly readable and legible in all its terms.

Enlisting Motor Cyclists.

From the Philadelphia Bulletin. One of the most practical suggestions in the many plans for developing auxiliaries to the regular forces of land defense is the plan approved by Maj. Gen. O'Ryan of the New York National Guard for the organization of a detachment of motor cyclists to participate in the mobilization of state troops at Van Cortlandt Park the latter part of this month. The early response indicates the temporary enlistment of at least 500 men and their machines.

The possibilities of the motor cycle in the modern army movements are great, just as the motor car has proved a wonder in the movement of artillery, supplies and even troops. It meets the need of mounted orderlies for staffs, of machine gun companies, of transportation of ammunition and of the hospital service. It can serve for a scouting squad or as a flying light artillery. The gasoline engine has only demonstrated a suggestion of its possible use in the European war, and the motor cycle is by no means the least potential of its many forms of serviceability.

DIXIE GOES AHEAD.

VIII.—Southern Ports Are Out for Trade.

By Frederic J. Haskin.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 18.—With the country full of talk about foreign trade and the need for improving the merchant marine and evaluating the business of South America, the far southern ports of the United States rise up and demand to be heard.

New Orleans, of course, has a large and well established business. Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Mobile and Pensacola are the ones in question. They all have fine harbors which are free from ice all the year around; the government has spent many millions to improve their channels, and the citizens have built and are building excellent terminal facilities. They are all dressed up to go to the international trade party, but he had nothing to ride in. Robinson Crusoe had a fine harbor, but he had no bottoms. That's all that prevented him from forming a coconut trust and getting rich.

The southern ports are in the same fix. They have no bottoms, meaning thereby regular sailings for foreign ports. Therefore they can't get railroad rates from interior points to export via the north instead of the north. They have the bottoms they need, but they lack the regular bottoms. Generally speaking, they have nothing.

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ter in an aggressive way, and her plan certainly seems to be both complete and workable.

Meaning the other ports of the south are not idle. From Savannah is operating a line of four ships owned by Savannah Capital and trading directly with Great Britain. Savannah is a great cotton and naval stores port and rests her reputation upon handling these commodities. Nevertheless, this line has also carried large quantities of canned goods, and doubtless other manufactures will follow.

In reaching out for more trade the southern ports are not claiming their own. A much larger part in the shipping of the nation is rightfully theirs, and they are fully alive to their opportunity.

National Security Plans. From the Pittsburgh Dispatch.

It is the natural obligation of every man to keep himself in good condition, physically and mentally. The same obligation rests militarily upon the nation as a collection of men. This is the foundation of the service undertaken by the National Security League.

To have the country get ready and keep ready, a reasonable and efficient way, for the always possible and sometimes very probable contingencies of war.

Of course, the United States does not want war, and it is not likely ever to voluntarily make war without cause, but this is no reason why its military precautions with regard to war should not be such as to guarantee it a satisfactory condition of preparedness at the beginning of a conflict and a complete victory at the end.

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